

Troop 3 | 1003 Patrol Leaders Council Election Guide

Elections are held every 6 months:

Date:

- July for a term of Aug 1st until January 31
- January for a term of Feb 1st until Jul 31st

The following positions are elected:

- Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s)
- Patrol Leader

The following positions are appointed by the newly elected Senior Patrol Leader with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster. The SPL has the option of holding an election.

- Quartermaster
- Webmaster
- Bugler
- Historian/Scribe
- Order of the Arrow Rep (Current member of the OA)
- Librarian
- Chaplain
- Outdoor Ethics Guide

The following positions are appointed by the Scoutmaster:

- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Procedures:

All votes will be cast as a secret paper ballot and tabulated by the Scribe. If the Scribe is not present, a designated Troop Representative will assume duties of the Scribe for the election. The final votes are then verified by the Scoutmaster.

Eligible voters are defined as New Scouts that have been active in the Troop for at least three months and Experienced Scouts that have been active for the previous term (6 months, Aug-Feb or Feb-Jul). Only scouts above the minimum activity level shall be eligible to vote.

A 51% majority must be obtained. For example, if three Scouts run and no Scout obtains at least 51% of the votes, then the top two boys will have a secondary election to determine the winner.

Each candidate for an elected position must address the Troop and provide the following information:

Name

Current Rank

Time in Scouting and this Troop

Other positions held

Why he desires this position and how the Troop or Patrol will benefit from his leadership.

Each candidate will have the following time limits to provide the information above:

Senior Patrol Leader - 2 minutes then 1 minute for questions.

Patrol Leader - 1 minute then 30 seconds for questions.

Nominated scouts must be in full dress Class-A uniform on election night.

Candidates/Votes Qualifications for **Senior Patrol Leader:**

- Registered Scout with rank of **Life or above**
- Has served as Patrol leader for at least six months.
- Willing to serve a six month term and maintain **75% attendance** through the term.
- Willing to be trained and work with the other Troop leaders
- Has attended or willing to attend Troop Junior Leader Training during term.

Candidates/Votes Qualifications for **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:**

- Same as Senior Patrol Leader EXCEPT:
- Must be a registered Scout with the rank of **Star or above**
- Required to maintain **50% attendance** at meetings and campouts.
- Has attended or willing to attend Troop Junior Leader Training during term.

Candidates/Votes Qualifications for **Patrol Leader:**

- Registered Scout with the rank of **First Class or above**
- Required to maintain **50% attendance** at meetings and campouts through term.
- Willing to serve a six month term
- Willing to be trained and work with the other Troop leaders
- Has attended or willing to attend Troop Junior Leader Training during term.

Qualifications for remaining **Troop Level positions:**

Troop Level positions are defined as those that count for rank advancement as delineated in the Boy

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- Registered Scout with the rank of **Tenderfoot** or above
- Required to maintain 50% attendance at meetings and campouts through term.
- Willing to serve a six month term
- Willing to be trained and work with the other Troop leaders
- Has attended or will attend Troop Junior Leader Training during term.

Scouts pursuing a Troop Level Position will fill out a preference sheet listing their choices in order from 1st through last.

This sheet will be turned in the night of elections.

Supplemental Elections:

During periods of growth, the Troop will need to create new patrols in order to accommodate expansion.

Patrol Leaders for these new patrols will be selected by supplemental elections that adhere to the procedures listed above. Typically, these will occur in or near February each year and the term will run until Jul 31st.

These new patrol leaders will be selected from a Troop-wide election.

Filling of mid-term vacancies:

Should a Scout vacate an office before the end of his term, for any reason, the Senior Patrol Leader shall have the discretion to EITHER leave the position vacant OR appoint a Scout (who meets the qualifications for that position) to fill the position until the end of the term. At that time, the position will become available. The Senior Patrol Leader will make his decision based on the needs of the Troop.

